

University Hall

Brown University, Providence

Dating from 1771, this is the oldest building at the nation's seventh-oldest college. Until 1832, it was the only structure on campus and housed the entire institution. Standing four stories tall, University Hall contained dormitory rooms, lecture and recitation rooms, chapel, library, and dining hall. Now used for administrative offices, the Hall is also significant for its association with Horace Mann, one of the founders of the American system of free public schools. Mann was an 1819 graduate of Brown and returned to his alma mater as a Latin and Greek tutor.